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SUBJECT: WASHINGTON POST REPORT ON GARBA PRESS CONFERENCE

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1. UNDER HEADLINE "KISSINGER WEIGHS ANGOLA SHIFT",
WASHINGTON POST, FEBRUARY 7, REPORTS ON PRESS CONFERENCE
GIVEN BY NIGERIAN COMMISSIONER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS GARBA
AS FOLLOWS: "DESPITE HIS CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY
PLEDGING CONTINUED U.S. SUPPORT FOR THE LOSING FACTIONS
IN ANGOLA, SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY A.KISSINGER HAS
TOLD A VISITING AFRICAN LEADER THAT HE IS PRIVATELY
CONSIDERING ACCEPTANCE OF THE WINNING SOVIET-BACKED
POPULAR MOVEMENT FOR THE LIBERATION OF ANGOLA, 'WHEN
THE TIME COMES'.

2. COL. JOSEPH N. GARBA, NIGERIAN COMMISSIONER FOR
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, SAID KISSINGER ASSURED HIM DURING
AN HOUR-LONG MEETING THURSDAY THAT 'HE HAD NOTHING
AGAINST THE POPULAR MOVEMENT, AND WHEN THE TIME COMES
THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO SHIFT AMERICAN POLICY ON ANGOLA,
HE WOULD CONSIDER IT'.

3. YOU SHOULD INFORM HOST GOVERNMENT IMMEDIATELY THAT
U.S. POLICY ON ANGOLA HAS NOT CHANGED. DURING HIS
MEETING WITH SECRETARY, GARBA MADE PLEA FOR USG
CONTACT WITH MPLA. IN REPLY SECRETARY REITERATED THAT
US HAS NOTHING AGAINST MPLA PER SE, BUT IS DEEPLY
CONCERNED ABOUT SOVIET/CUBAN PRESENCE AND INFLUENCE
IN ANGOLA AND WANT TO SEE INTERVENTION ENDED. WE
WILL REVIEW QUESTION OF CONTACT WITH MPLA IF AND WHEN
THAT QUESTION ARISES.

4. ALL AF DIPLOMATIC POSTS: THIS INSTRUCTION SHOULD
BE CARRIED OUT IMMEDIATELY WITH THOSE GOVERNMENTS
WHICH HAVE NOT RECOGNIZED MPLA AND THOSE WHICH HAVE
RECOGNIZED MPLA BUT WHOSE POSITION IS KNOWN TO BE
FLEXIBLE. BUT ALL OTHERS, INCLUDING HARD-CORE MPLA
SUPPORTERS SHOULD ALSO BE INFORMED. SISCO

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